

REMARKS:

- 1) Prosecution of this application has been reopened according to the Notice of Withdrawal from Issue dated December 1, 2004. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this Voluntary Amendment in the further examination of this application.
- 2) The original claims 1 to 16 were essentially a literal translation of corresponding foreign claims. New claims 17 and 18 are generally directed to the subject matter of original claim 1, but are drafted "from the ground up" in a different claim style and using different claim terminology, to avoid the translated style of the original claim 1. No new matter has been introduced, and in view of the patentability of the original claims, the present amendment is not submitted for reasons of patentability.
- 3) Claims 1 to 16 have been maintained without further amendment, and should still stand allowed.

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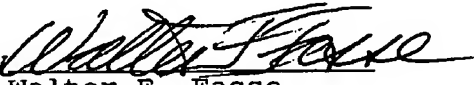
- 4) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 18, are respectfully requested.

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